

PROGRAMS FOR RIPARIAN CONSERVATION



NH Quick Field Guide



State Programs

NONPOINT SOURCE LOCAL INITIATIVES GRANTS (SECTION 319 GRANTS) – NH DES

For watershed management efforts. Grants given to associations, organizations, agencies. Contact Eric Williams at (603) 271-2358 or www.des.state.nh.us/wmb/was/grants.htm

WATERSHED RESTORATION GRANTS (SECTION 319 RESTORATION GRANTS) – NH DES

Grants can be given to farmers, watershed associations, conservation districts, non-profit organizations, regional planning agencies, and municipalities to implement practices that help restore impaired waters. Contact Eric Williams at (603) 271-2358 or visit www.des.state.nh.us/wmb/was/grants.htm.

LOCAL WATER PROTECTION GRANTS (DRINKING WATER SOURCE PROTECTION) – NH DES

To protect public drinking water sources. Water suppliers, municipalities, conservation districts, and non-profits can apply. For more information, contact Johnna McKenna, (603) 271-7017

CONSERVATION LICENSE PLATE GRANT PROGRAM – NH STATE CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

To promote natural resource related programs throughout NH. Conservation Districts, Cooperative Extension, conservation commissions, schools, groups, and other non-profits can apply for funding. Contact Joanna Pellerin, at (603) 679-2790 or www.mooseplate.com.

FISHERIES HABITAT CONSERVATION PROGRAM – NH FISH AND GAME DEPARTMENT

To conserve fisheries habitat through a watershed approach. Landowners wishing to protect/enhance fisheries habitat can apply for funding. Contact Scott Decker, (603) 271-2744 or sdecker@wildlife.state.nh.us.

LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND PROGRAM (LWCP) – NH DRED LOCALLY

Provides grants to state and municipal agencies for outdoor recreation and conservation projects. Contact Allison McLean at NH DRED Division of Parks and Recreation, at (603) 271-3556.

WILDLIFE HABITAT - SMALL GRANTS PROGRAM – NH FISH AND GAME DEPARTMENT

For restoring, sustaining, or enhancing wildlife habitat on privately owned land. Owners of private, municipal, corporate or other non-governmental lands can apply for funds to implement habitat-improving practices. For more information, contact your regional F&G office or Charlie Bridges at (603) 271-2461

TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM – NH DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Provides funding for scenic highway projects and mitigation of water pollution due to highway runoff. Contact is (603) 271-3734.

COMMUNITY CONSERVATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – UNH COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

Assistance for project guidance and training for community projects through municipalities and non-profit conservation groups. Contact Amanda Stone at (603) 364-5324 or amanda.stone@unh.edu.

Federal Programs

CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM (CRP) – USDA FARM SERVICE AGENCY

For converting highly erodible land to vegetative cover. Annual rental or other incentive payments for certain activities are offered. Cropland owners and operators who have owned or leased the land for at least 1 year can apply for funds. Contact your local USDA Service Center or www.fsa.usda.gov for more information.

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY INCENTIVES PROGRAM (EQIP) – USDA NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE

Cost sharing and technical assistance for planning and installation of environmentally beneficial and cost-effective conservation practices that address locally identified natural resource concerns. Agricultural or forestry producers can apply. Visit www.nh.nrcs.usda.gov or call (603) 868-7581 to find your local contact.

WETLANDS RESERVE PROGRAM (WRP) – USDA NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE

To protect/enhance wetlands through conservation easements or cost-share agreements. Technical assistance and cost-share funding (or a permanent easement) are available for landowners with eligible wetlands. Contact Alan Ammann at (603) 868-9931 Ext. 103 or aammann@nh.usda.gov.

PARTNERS FOR FISH AND WILDLIFE (PFW) – US FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

To restore, improve, and protect fish and wildlife habitat on private lands, private landowners, private organizations, towns and municipalities can apply for cost-sharing funds. Contact Robert Scheirer at (603) 223-2541 or robert_scheirer@fws.gov.

WILDLIFE HABITAT INCENTIVES PROGRAM (WHIP) - USDA NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE

A voluntary cost-sharing program to improve wildlife habitat on non-federal land. NRCS will help landowners or land managers develop a wildlife habitat plan based on their management objectives. Contact Alan Ammann at (603) 868-9931 Ext. 103 or aammann@nh.usda.gov.

COASTAL AMERICA CORPORATE WETLANDS RESTORATION PARTNERSHIP –U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

Voluntary public-private partnership in which corporations join forces with federal and state agencies to restore wetlands and other aquatic habitats. Contact (978) 318-8238.

Land Conservation Programs

LAND AND COMMUNITY HERITAGE INVESTMENT PROGRAM (LCHIP)

A grant program for conserving and preserving NH's most valuable natural, cultural, and historical resources. Grant applications for the purchase of land/buildings or restoration of structures are accepted from tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organizations, municipalities, or other political subdivisions of the State. Contact Rachel Rouillard at (603) 226-0012 or visit www.lchip.org.

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANT PROGRAM – THE GREATER PISCATAQUA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Provides funding to non-profit and public agencies in the fields of environment, arts and humanities, education, and health and social and community services. Contact www.nhcf.org or (603) 430-9182.

FARMLAND PROTECTION PROGRAM (FPP) – USDA NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE

Provides matching funds to help slow the conversion of farmland to non-agricultural uses. An entity holds the conservation easement deed, and land must contain important farmland soils, and an NRCS conservation plan. The easements are for 30 years, but priority is given to perpetual easements. Visit www.nh.nrcs.usda.gov or contact Steve Hundley at (603) 868-7581 or shundley@nh.nrcs.usda.gov.

FOREST LEGACY PROGRAM – NH DRED

Provides up to 75% of the purchase price for development rights to forestlands from willing sellers. Streamside land is among program priorities. Rights are held by the state in perpetuity, while the landowner retains all other rights, including the right to harvest timber. Contact NH DRED at (603) 271-2411.

GREAT BAY RESOURCE PROTECTION PARTNERSHIP

GBRPP is a group of organizations working to protect important habitats in the Great Bay Region. The Partnership works with private landowners, agencies, non-profit organizations, and municipal governments to protect land through conservation easements. For more information, contact Bob Miller at The Nature Conservancy at (603) 224-5853 or Dea Brickner-Wood, Great Bay Coordinator at (603) 868-6112.